Pending National Rural Employment Guarantee Bill

1071. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Rural Employment Guarantee Bill is pending in Parliament;

(b) if so, since when and the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the Bill is likely to be taken up in Parliament for final enactment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) The National Rural Employment Guarantee Bill (NREGB), 2004 was introduced by this Ministry in the Lok Sabha on 21.12.2004. Thereafter, the Bill was referred to the Standing Committee on Rural Development by the Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha on 23.12.04. The Standing Committee has submitted its report to the Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha on 21.06.04 and the Report has also been laid on the Table of Lok Sabha on 27.7.05. The Bill is proposed to be taken up in Parliament for consideration and passing during the Monsoon Session.

PMGSY under World Bank project

1072. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds given to certain States for developing rural roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana under World Bank Phase-I project;

(b) whether other States are likely to be taken up under this 'Yojana'; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) The World Bank funded Phase I of PMGSY is being presently implemented in four States *viz.* Jharkhand,

Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesn. Details of the funds released so far are as under:—

State	Amount released (Rs. in crore)
Himachal Pradesh	41.44
Rajasthan	197.15
Uttar Pradesh	129.96
TOTAL:	368.55

(b) and (c) Bihar is proposed to be included in Phase I of the World Bank assisted PMGSY in addition to the four States already covered under the programme.

National Employment Guarantee Scheme

1073. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the scope of the National Employment Guarantee Scheme is being expanded to cover employment to every one who demands it;

(b) what is the stage of consideration of the said proposal;

(c) what are the financial implications of the revised proposal;

(d) whether funds to the extent needed will be made available by the Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (e) The Standing Committee on Rural Development in its report submitted to the Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha has recommended for universalisation of the NREG Bill, 2004 with a view to make it self targeting. The recommendations of the Committee are under consideration of the Government.

Rural road proposals pending environmental clearance

1074. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry of Rural Development has complained to the